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TO: State Public Health Veterinarians
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Interested Pet Bird Professionals

FROM: Kathleen A. Smith, DVM MPH
Chair, Psittacosis Compendium

RE: *Compendium of Measures To Control Chlamydophila psittaci Infection Among Humans (Psittacosis) and Pet Birds (Avian Chlamydiosis), 2006*

On behalf of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the *Compendium of Measures to Control Chlamydophila psittaci Infection Among Humans (Psittacosis) and Pet Birds (Avian Chlamydiosis), 2006*. The Compendium committee and consultants believe these updates and revisions will aid public health officials, physicians, veterinarians, and the pet bird industry in controlling this disease in birds and in people.

The 2006 Compendium provides clearer guidance to veterinary clinicians on selecting diagnostic tests, and a discussion of persistent IFA titers. Wording on sentinel surveillance was added, mentioning that it may have value in high risk settings or to mitigate future liability. Protocols for sentinel surveillance must be individualized and established with advice of an avian veterinarian.

To help control this disease and protect public health, the Compendium committee and consultants encourage you to distribute this to health officials, veterinarians, and the pet bird industry in your state and actively promote the document as a standard. We would also like to request that if you update any web links to this document, that you please delete previous Compendiums, as we want to assure that interested people access the most current version. Note that in the future, this document will be reviewed and updated on an as needed basis. The most recent version can be accessed on the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians website at <http://www.nasphv.org>.